Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

That is a very big order. It wants time.

Improvement to the existing or exploration of new irrigational facilities.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

228. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) What has become of the report of the Special Officer deputed by the Sirkar to make inquiries regarding the improvement to the existing or exploration of new irrigational facilities in the several taluks of the State?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the whole correspondence bearing on the subject?

Mr V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(a) The reports are under consideration and require careful scrutiny before adoption.

(b) Government do not consider it expedient to place the whole correspondence on the table at this stage.

The Potteries at Chalakkudi.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

229. Will the Government be pleased to state

a) What is the total amount spent on the Potteries at Chalakkudi?

(b) What income has the Government derived from it?

(c) What is the present value of the building, machinery and other materials belonging to it?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(a) and (b) The member is referred to the answers furnished to parts (a) and (b) of question No. 70.

(c) All the machinery purchased are as good as new, and the buildings and kilns are in a good state of preservation. Their present value can therefore be taken at their cost price, viz., Rs. 3.79,616—7—7.

The lease of the Pottery Works at Chalakkudi.

Mr. LONAPPAN CHAKKOLA.

230. Will the Government be pleased to state

(1) Whether it has received any offers for the purchase or lease of the Pottery works at Chalakkudi? If so, will the Government kindly place on the table the most unfavourable terms that have been offered either for purchase or for lease?

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